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AND FIELD OFFICES
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SLIP(S) OF
DATE 7-27-83

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WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMANN, wa, Lynn;
DONALD NIVEN WHEELER;
MARY WOLFE PRICE, wa, Mary Watkins Price;
MILDRED PRICE, wa, Mrs. Harold Russell Coy;
HARRY DEXTER WHITE;
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WILLIAM H. TAYLOR;
JOSEPH WITOUT ECKHART, wa, Joe
MICHAEL ENDELMAN, was, Michael Nicholas Delman, Marcel;
Lieutenant Colonel JOHN HAZARD REYNOLDS, wa Colonel John H. Reynolds;
HELEN SILVERMASTER, wa Mrs. Gregory Silvermaster;
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PETER C. RHODES;
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Pauline Raisen, Mrs. Oscar Raisen, Mrs. Usher Raisen, Mrs. Uscher Raisen;
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JOHN;
JACK;
OLGA BORISOVNA PRAVDINA, wa Margaret;
CHARLIE;
CATHERINE;
BILL;
CEDRIC HENNING BELFRAGE, wa, Benjamin;
LEON ERLICH

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SYNOPSIS:

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u X Contacts of CEDRIC BELFRAGE identified as BERTHOLD VIERTTEL and DONALD LEE WEST, both subjects of IS investigations. Results of physical surveillance, informant coverage and background investigation of RAY ELSON set out. She resumed employment with NFCL 1-21-46 and is helping raise \$3500 for ANTI-RANKIN COMMITTEE publicity. RAY and husband, JOSEPH, at Dr. A. B. WEINSTEIN's office 1/10, 16/46. RAY and JOSEPH undergoing dental treatment, according to Informant GREGORY, which may explain visits to WEINSTEIN. RAY told GREGORY (in discussing GREGORY's future meeting with her contact) that she did not desire to "see anyone" but that GREGORY should relay information that RAY was "still alive". JOSEPH ELSON attended Lenin Memorial Meeting. EARL BROWDER's "Distributors Guide" said by him to be progressing satisfactorily. BROWDER apparently contemplates re-instatement in CP and favors post-June 1941 CP policy and REYNOLDS-HARRIMAN plan. BROWDER's sister, believed to be MARGARET BROWDER, is in NYC. 1/17/46 woman identified only as "Miss WHITE" (might be "CATHERINE") visited GREGORY's office in her absence. GREGORY's proposed meeting of 1/21/46 did not materialize. ALEXANDER KORAL apparently checking closely for surveillance as well as information re GEORGE ADAMS, contact of RHODES. RHODES had appointment with Dr. WEINSTEIN and called CLAY SCHLUTER. Activities of WILLIAM REMINGTON in NYC 1/10, 11/46 set out. Information re Lieutenant Colonel JOHN H. REYNOLDS, background and tie-up with U.S. SERVICE AND SHIPPING CORP. reported. One DON WEST, probably DONALD LEE WEST, was in Dr. WEINSTEIN's office 1/21/46. b1

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent HAROLD V. KENNEDY, dated 1/17/46, at New York. (u)

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DETAILS:

The title of this case is being marked "Changed" to add the maiden name of RAY ELSON, which was RAE SHUCHTER and also to set out the full and correct name of Lieutenant Colonel JOHN HAZARD REYNOLDS.

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Re: CEORIC HENNING BELFRAGE~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ b2 b7D

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that on January 12, 1946 an unidentified individual contacted BELFRAGE concerning a meeting between the two men which might take place on Wednesday, January 16, 1946. It appeared from the unknown individual's conversation with BELFRAGE that he was connected in some way with the theater. This individual gave his telephone number as TRafalgar 7-6925, which, it was later determined, is listed to ELIZABETH NEUMANN, 346 W. 84th Street, New York City, and has been installed since May 1944. *u*

On January 14, 1946 this same source of information advised that BELFRAGE was contacted by a Mr. VEITEL (phonetic) and arrangements were made for the two men to meet on Tuesday, January 15th, at 7:00 PM, at TONY'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT, 55th Street between Fifth and Sixth Avenues. According to arrangements made at that time they were to meet for dinner and then proceed to VEITEL's apartment. *u*

In view of this information, arrangements were made to afford the proposed meeting coverage by a physical surveillance. Special Agents John H. Doyle and Frank J. Nolan stationed themselves at 6:00 PM at TONY'S RESTAURANT, which is located at 48 W. 55th Street, New York City. At 6:45 PM an unidentified man entered and said that he was waiting for another party. He used a name which sounded like WIDELL, and, while talking to the Head Waitress, he stated that he was a writer and that he came from Vienna. This man was described as follows:

Age:	About 65
Height:	5'6"
Weight:	170
Hair:	White - shoulder length
Speech:	Speaks with heavy foreign accent

At 7:10 PM BELFRAGE entered the restaurant and BELFRAGE and the unidentified individual had dinner and talked at length until, at 10:05 PM, they left together and walked to the RUSSIAN TEA ROOM, located on West 57th Street, between Seventh and Eighth Avenues, New York City. In the Russian Tea Room they stayed drinking and talking until 11:15 PM when the unidentified man left alone. A few minutes later BELFRAGE left the restaurant and the men proceeded in different directions. It appeared to the agents on the surveillance that BELFRAGE and the unidentified man made a conscious attempt not to be observed leaving the restaurant together, or at least that they took precautions along these lines.

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A surveillance was maintained on the unidentified man, who boarded a bus at 57th Street and Eighth Avenue, left the bus at 84th Street and walked to 346 W. 84th Street, where he entered, after having looked into the mail box. It is noted that the name B. VIERTTEL is written in pencil on the mail box of ELIZABETH NEUMANN.

The indices of the New York Office reveal that there are two case files on BERTHOLD VIERTTEL. One is a closed employee investigation case captioned "BERTHOLD VIERTTEL; OFFICE OF THE COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION-EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATION". The report of Special Agent G. M. Kirk (A), dated June 18, 1942, reflects that BERTHOLD VIERTTEL was born June 28, 1885 in Vienna, Austria, and that he was not naturalized in 1942, according to Immigration and Naturalization records in New York City. Information in this report is to the effect that BERTHOLD was at one time a notorious active German Communist and that he and his wife, SALKA VIERTTEL, associated with Communists in the United States. It is also apparent from the report that VIERTTEL was employed for a short time by the OFFICE OF THE COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION in New York City but that he left this job on April 30, 1942.

The second case file in the New York Office on VIERTTEL is a pending Internal Security-R investigation entitled "BERTHOLD VIERTTEL; SALKA VIERTTEL; INTERNAL SECURITY-R", in which Los Angeles is origin. A review of this file reflects that VIERTTEL, who is undoubtedly identical with the man who met with BEHRAGE, entered the United States the last time May 10, 1939. In 1942 he was about 60 years of age, having been born in Vienna, Austria. VIERTTEL's permanent address in 1942 was apparently 165 Maberry Road, Santa Monica, California and he was reportedly employed at that time in the movie colony, presumably as a writer.

SALKA VIERTTEL's wife is reported to be a Russian, having been born in Russia or in Poland near the Russian border. She is said to have come to the United States some years ago, probably about 1926. BERTHOLD and SALKA have two sons, PETER, who was in 1942 a member of the U. S. Army, and HANS, who is reported to be deaf. SALKA is said to have been connected with GRETA GARBO and also to have been employed at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios.

This case file also reflects that BERTHOLD VIERTTEL came to New York in the summer of 1944 and appears to have been a permanent resident of New York City since that time, residing at 346 W. 84th Street, New York City. Since that time he has reportedly been participating in forums on "Post-War Germany", which are held under the auspices of the "GERMAN-AMERICAN". In the summer of 1943 VIERTTEL, with several prominent writers in Los Angeles, signed a petition indicating support of the FREE GERMAN COMMITTEE in Moscow.

California is reported to be a gathering place of German refugees and known Communists and Liberals of the Los Angeles area. (c) b1

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The report of Special Agent Raymond P. Wirth, dated at New York City, December 6, 1945, in the above mentioned case, indicates that a recent check at 346 W. 84th Street, showed that subject's name was still on the building directory as a resident. This building is a small residential unit and it may be noted that ELIZABETH NEUMANN, who appears to be the resident superintendent, has a background indicating Communist sympathies or leanings.

On December 16, 1945 Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that BELFRAGE and his wife were in New York City where they could be reached at RE 4-3692. It was determined that this telephone number is listed to MARIA JOLAS, 154 E. 74th Street. A check of the New York indices reflects that MARIA JOLAS was, during the war years, Director of LA MARSEILLAISE, a French-American servicemen's canteen, located at 789 Second Avenue, New York City. No derogatory information concerning MARIA JOLAS was reflected by the check of the New York indices.

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RE: MRS. RAY ELSON, with alias,
161 West 16th Street,
New York, New York

The following investigative activity is reported by Special Agent HOWARD ROBERT HAWKINS:

By letter dated January 4, 1946, the Chicago Field Division was requested to furnish information relative to Mrs. RAY ELSON.

By letter dated January 14, 1946 the Chicago Field Division advised that the records of DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois, reflect that Miss RAE SHUCHTER was admitted to the Department of Commerce, DePaul University, on September 12, 1927 and that she completed the 1927-28 term and the first semester of the 1928-29 term, completing 42 credits in the School of Economics or Commerce, 27 credits of "B", 11 credits of "A" and 4 credits of "C". The records of DePaul University further reflect that a transcript of her work at that University was sent to the Crane Junior College in Chicago on March 12, 1929 and to Hunter College in New York on August 28, 1935. The records further reflect that Miss SHUCHTER graduated from Murray F. Tulley High School in Chicago in August, 1926.

The records of the Crane Junior College were located at the Wilson City College in Chicago, from which records it was ascertained that Miss RAE SHUCHTER graduated from Tulley High School of Chicago on August 20, 1926; that she was born in Chicago on May 6, 1910; and that she entered Crane College in February, 1929. She left Crane College on March 15, 1929 prior to the completion of this semester of work. She listed as her father, MANDEL SHUCHTER, 160 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, and stated that both her mother and her father were born in Poland.

The Chicago Field Division further advised that



The Chicago city directory for 1928-29 lists MANDEL SHUCHTER of 160 North LaSalle Street, residence 2602 Potomac Avenue, Chicago, as a member of the firm of HOLLAND & SHUCHTER, attorneys. According to Confidential

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Informant [REDACTED]

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The files of DePaul University and the records of Crane Junior College, as well as [REDACTED] failed to contain a picture of Mrs. RAY ELSON, nee Miss RAE SHUCHTER. b2 b7D

Mrs. C. E. DORMAN, apartment manager at 636 West 136th Street, New York City, advised that her records reflect that JOSEPH and RAY ELSON occupied Apt. 55 at 636 West 136th Street from September 9, 1940 to February, 1942. They paid \$47.00 per month rent on a four-room apartment at this address. Mrs. DORMAN recalled that another person resided with the ELSONs at this time whom she believed to be RAY's mother. No references or other information was available concerning their occupancy of the apartment at this address. b2 b7D

In the referenced report, information was set out which had been obtained by Confidential Informant [REDACTED] to the effect that some un-identified person had telephoned the ELSON apartment and requested that RAY ELSON call the number Watkins 9-7530, extension 356. b2 b7D

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that Watkins 9-7530 is the telephone number listed to the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City. b2 b7D

EDWARD HANSON, superintendent, 150 Fifth Avenue, advised from an examination of his records that extension 356 of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church is located in room 402 at that address. He further advised that room 402 is occupied by JOHN WADE and JACK E. MacMICHEL. Their secretary is BARBARA HAGEN. The Methodist Church occupies several floors of the building at 150 Fifth Avenue. The Federation of Social Service of the Methodist Church is located in room 402.

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised on January 22, 1946 that a JACK MacMICHEL of the Federation of Social Service had telephoned RAY ELSON's apartment. It is therefore apparent that her contact at this place is the person mentioned above. b2 b7D

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Confidential Informant [REDACTED] *KU* *02* *b7D*

On January 8, 1946 at 5:12 PM, JOSEPH ELSON telephoned RAY ELSON. RAY stated that MILT (phonetic) called her on this date and is coming for dinner. She added that BILLIE is with her and will stay for dinner. RAY stated that she thought the "Battle of Stalingrad", apparently referring to a book she had read, was a good book. *KU*

BILLIE, referred to above, is apparently VERONA DANIEL HARDY, with alias, BILLIE HARDY, 341 West 84th Street, New York, New York. *KU*

On the same date at 5:28 PM, an un-identified woman called an unknown number and asked for room 1321. She spoke to a person known as BARRIE. They discussed manuscripts, and the woman stated that she would bring the three that she had to BARRIE by 10:30 the following morning. A RONNIE (phonetic) was also mentioned in the conversation. The BARRIE mentioned above is believed to be BARRIE STAVIS, who resides in room 1321 at the Vanderbilt Hotel, 34th Street and Park Avenue, concerning whom information is set forth in the report of Special Agent HAROLD V. KENNEDY dated January 7, 1946 at New York City. The un-identified woman is possibly BILLIE HARDY who was at the ELSON apartment at the time this call was made. *KU*

On January 9, 1946 no activity was reported by this informant. *KU*

On January 10, 1946 at 11:40 AM, BILLIE, apparently BILLIE HARDY, spoke to RAY ELSON. BILLIE stated that she had an appointment for three o'clock tomorrow and for that reason would not be able to see RAY until about four o'clock on that date. She stated that she would come to RAY's residence tomorrow from her three o'clock meeting and it was agreed they would have dinner together. *KU*

On January 11, 1946 at 4:20 PM, a person known as HERTRAM spoke to RAY ELSON. BERT stated that he had a date and was thinking of going to "BUNK JOHNSON's" and asked the ELSONs to accompany him. RAY declined, however, saying that they were going to a movie. BERT added that he was working full time now and had a box of oil paints for JOE, which he would leave with the doorman at the ELSON apartment. *KU*

On January 12, 1946 at 12:10 PM, a person believed to be JOSEPHINE LOUISE SCHATZ spoke to JOSEPH ELSON and then to RAY ELSON. LOUISE stated that she had been working and now wants to go to the parade with RAY. It was agreed that LOUISE would meet RAY at RAY's residence at about 1:00 PM and they would go to the parade together. *KU*

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On the same date at 12:58 PM, a woman who identified herself as SHIRLEY (phonetic) telephoned RAY. They discussed labor management difficulties which SHIRLEY and her fellow employees were having with the publishers, and it appeared from the conversation that SHIRLEY was employed by "Billboard" magazine. RAY stated that she was going along with some other people to hear BUNK JOHNSON this evening. She informed SHIRLEY that if the party at BUNK JOHNSON's breaks up early she might come over to SHIRLEY's residence later in the evening. *qu*

On the same date at 4:05 PM, LOUISE SCHATZ made a telephone call from RAY's apartment. LOUISE SCHATZ called an unknown number and asked to speak to a person with the name of RACHAEL (phonetic). LOUISE spoke first to a person known as NAOMI and then later to RACHAEL. LOUISE stated that she was still working preparing releases, etc. LOUISE stated that she was at RAY's apartment and that they had been to the parade. LOUISE asked RACHAEL if STELLA had called, to which RACHAEL replied that she had. LOUISE stated that she would see RACHAEL sometime in the middle of the night. *qu*

On the same date at 5:10 PM, Confidential Informant GREGORY telephoned RAY at RAY's apartment. They had a general social conversation during which GREGORY mentioned that business had been slow around Christmas and New Year's and added that she had been to the parade. *qu*

On this same date at 8:40 PM, RAY ELSON's brother JERRY (phonetic) telephoned RAY and asked her to come to their residence in the Bronx on January 13th. RAY stated that she would perhaps come. JERRY also spoke to a person who was then at RAY's apartment who identified himself as MITCHELL, who resides at 121 West 97th Street. MITCHELL stated that he resides there and works there. It was apparent from the conversation that he was an artist. *qu*

On this same date at 8:45 PM, a person known as MIRIAM telephoned a person known as ESTHER. MIRIAM stated that they were ready to leave and would arrive about 9:30 PM. She informed ESTHER that the place where they are to meet is near Second Avenue and Ninth Street and ESTHER agreed to meet them about 10:00 PM. This conversation is apparently in connection with RAY's previous plans to spend the evening with friends at BUNK JOHNSON's. *qu*

On January 13, 1946 at 5:25 PM, Mrs. JOSEPHINE KANE, who resides in Apt. 9-I in the same building with RAY ELSON, spoke to JOSEPH ELSON. She inquired whether the ELSONs were ready for dinner, to which JOE *qu*

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replied that they would be ready in time. He added that the DUTTOs, apparently referring to FRANK and IENA DUTTO who reside at 3040 Cruger Avenue, Bronx, are visiting with them at this time. The KANEs agreed to stop by the ELSON apartment about 6:30 PM. *qu*

On January 14, 1946 at 5:00 PM, an incoming call was reported from a person known as SYLVIA (phonetic). SYLVIA informed RAY that she had tried to get in touch with RAY this morning but that when she called RAY's apartment RAY was out. SYLVIA said that she called the Federation and found that RAY wasn't there any more. They agreed to meet at SYLVIA's residence on Wednesday evening, January 16th, and RAY said they would not come for dinner but would arrive about 8:00 PM. SYLVIA stated to RAY: "Are you afraid—I mean, I know what you are thinking of". It was implied that this expression of fear was in relation to conditions at SYLVIA's, but the conversation was not clear on this point. RAY indicated to SYLVIA that she expected to start investigating new employment soon. *qu*

On the same date at 8:30 PM, an incoming call from RUTH MILLER to JOE ELSON was reported. RUTH invited JOE and RAY to her apartment for dinner on Friday, January 18th. However, this invitation was declined, JOE indicating that they already had plans for that evening. *qu*

On the same date at 9:45 PM, RUTH MILLER again spoke to JOE ELSON and asked if they could come for dinner on Thursday, January 17th. It was agreed that they could on this date, and RUTH added that LOUISE and LIL (phonetic) would also be there. *qu*

On January 15, 1946 at 11:20 AM, the following incoming call from a person identified as MILTON KENNITZ to RAY ELSON was reported:

M: Hello, RAY?

R: Yeah.

M: This is MILT.

R: Hello, MILT. How are you?

M: Fine. How are you?

R: All right.

M: Good.

R: Is your family back?

M: Yeah, they came back Friday night.

R: Oh, that's nice.

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M: Yeah, and everything is fine.
R: Yeah.

M: I wanted to call you sooner to thank you for bringing my doodles over there.
R: That's okay.

M: I appreciated that very much.
R: We're very fond of two of them.

M: Yeah, which two?
R: Well, I don't know how to describe them. One of them is, you know, the thing sticking up out of the water with the red, you know, mark on it, you know.

M: Let me see. Thing sticking up out of the water...
R: Yeah, it's way up high and there are two little figures on it. It's a boat. uK

M: Oh, a barge, yeah.
R: And the other is this houseboat or something, you know...

M: Uh, huh.
R: With a part of the pier and a boat...

M: Yeah.
R: The other shore on the side.

M: Uh, huh. Yeah.
R: We like those two real good.

M: Uh, huh. Well if I kept at it maybe I would do something that would be worthwhile.
R: Sure.

M: Look, RAY...
R: Yeah.

M: Are you booked for Saturday night?
R: No, not at the moment.

M: Would you guys like to come up?
R: Yeah, I think we would. I think we'd like that very good.

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M: We would like to have you.

R: Oh, that's nice.

M: And, we would also like to have BILLIE (ph.) so I will call her.

R: All right, I'll put that right down right now and that will be very nice. About 8:30?

M: Yeah, I think...

R: Approximately 8:30.

M: Yeah.

R: Fine. Swell. Oh, listen, you know I think I better take the address again.

M: Yeah, it's 78-09 - that's 78 dash 09 135th...

R: Yeah.

M: Street.

R: Yeah.

M: But, look, if you want me to meet you at the subway, just give me a ring before you leave.

R: Oh, that's all right.

M: Sure and I'll walk over.

R: All right MILT.

M: All right, 8:30 on Saturday then.

R: Yeah, yeah.

M: Look, RAY, you're not making any immediate plans about taking a job, are you?

R: No, I'm not.

M: I keep worrying about that because when you - well we can talk about it Saturday, but anyway the general idea is that when you're ready to go to work, will you come here?

R: Oh.

M: You know.

R: O.K.

M: That's the general idea.

R: O.K.

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M: Sort of — (Ind.).

R: Yeah, that's all right.

M: There's one other question I'd like to raise with you. I think probably the answer is no, but it might — it might not be. We're trying to put a full-page ad into the New York Times and the Washington Post on the question of the Rankin Committee on the 22nd of the month which is the day before they start some hearings.

R: Yeah.

M: On the Soviet Consul and some other organisations down in Washington...

R: Yeah.

M: And it involves a quick expenditure of 3500 bucks.

R: Yeah.

M: Which, at the moment, we don't have.

R: Yeah.

M: It's possible to get that amount of money in small contributions if we know people who are particularly interested in this problem...

R: Yeah.

M: And, we've been getting some in. I wondered whether you would just turn over in your mind the possibility of raising anything for a specific project like that.

R: The ad is on the Rankin Committee, huh?

M: Yeah.

R: Well I'll tell you what...

M: In the Times and in the Washington Post.

R: Yeah, you mean to do something about getting some money in my own circle?

M: Yeah, if you have any ideas we would appreciate it very much if you could get some...

R: O.K. Well, what I'll try to do is get some money.

M: Good.

R: O.K., MILT.

M: Yeah, all right then, we'll see you Saturday night.

R: Yes, MILT.

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M: All right and if you get any money, the time limit is pretty quick on it.

R: Yes, I know.

M: We're going to have a deposit by tomorrow and then the balance before the 22nd.

R: Uh, huh.

M: So give me a call if you have any prospect, will you?

R: Yeah, well listen, the money would be very, very small money, you know that.

M: Yeah, yeah, well maybe it would be just as easy to get it on the basis of the Rankin - the whole Rankin campaign that this as being one of the things.

R: Yeah.

M: And then we could use it for a leaflet we're getting out and the time urgency wouldn't be so quick...

R: Uh, huh.

M: But, the need is still as great.

R: Yeah, I know.

M: You see what I mean?

R: Sure.

M: And, if it's part of this ad fund why then we have to turn it over directly to the organization putting it in.

R: Yeah.

M: It's being put in by a group of organizations. If, on the other hand, it were in general for the Rankin campaign, then it could go into the Federation Treasury and be used for a leaflet and other activities here.

R: Yeah, well I'll see what I can do and as I say in any case it will be small money. I mean it won't be any sizeable money because I don't know sizeable money.

M: Yeah, I understand that and if you want any material, like our correspondence with the Rankin Committee, which is really pretty hair-raising, why we'll send it to you.

R: You mean you've got that out in multiple form?

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M: Well, we have a mimeograph - we mimeographed the first exchange of letters which I think you know about already.

R: Yeah.

M: Didn't you?

R: Yeah.

M: And then our last letter is a follow-up on it. I could send you a copy of that and also one that they sent to the National Committee to Combat Anti-Semitism because of a petition they put out...

R: Yeah.

M: Supporting the DICKSTEIN (ph.) Resolution.

R: I know.

M: And they sent — (Ind.) I'll send you that stuff in the mails.

R: All right, MILT.

M: It might be helpful.

R: Yeah.

M: O.K. RAY.

R: All right, thanks, MILT.

M: Goodbye.

R: Goodbye.

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On the same date at 11:25 AM, RAY telephoned IENA DUTTO at the offices of the International Workers Order. IENA informed RAY that she was busy and would call her back. At 11:30 AM, IENA spoke to RAY, had a personal conversation and agreed to see each other this weekend. It was also agreed that RAY and IENA would have lunch together on Thursday, January 17, 1946 at 1:00 PM, and that RAY would meet IENA at IENA's office at 1:00 PM.

On the same date at 11:35 AM, RAY made a call to a person known as GOIDA (phonetic). They discussed family matters and RAY stated that she would be home for the next couple weeks. They mentioned a RENE and a SAM, and GOIDA also inquired about RAY's mother. They had an extended discussion about the injustices to the strikers at General Motors and Western Union. It appeared that GOIDA is possibly a relative of RAY ELSON and apparently has a child named IENA (phonetic).

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On the same date at 3:25 PM, a person known as LOUISE made a call to RAY. They had a personal conversation, during which LOUISE mentioned that she had seen SUZIE last night, possibly referring to SUSAN A. SIPORIN, who resides at 30 West 105th Street, New York City. LOUISE remarked that she can see a dentist's office across the street from her office and inquired of RAY when she was going to the dentist's again. RAY replied that she will go tomorrow, January 16th. LOUISE stated that her office is located at 1 East 54th Street and if RAY finishes her dental appointment by 5:00 PM she would like for RAY to stop in her office for a visit. RAY inquired if LOUISE was going to RUTH's on Thursday, to which LOUISE replied that she was not sure that she could be there at that time. They also mentioned that a person known as JEANETTE would be there and LOUISE stated that she had lunch with RACHAEL (phonetic) and AL, the latter who had apparently just been discharged from military service. *RU*

On the same date at 4:05 PM, an incoming call to RAY from a person known as JEAN (phonetic) was reported. During the conversation JEAN inquired of RAY if she was going to "that place tonight", possibly referring to the Lenin Anniversary meeting at Madison Square Garden. RAY indicated that she did not plan to attend. *RU*

On January 16, 1946 at 10:00 AM, 3:28 PM, and 4:20 PM, incoming calls were reported. However, none of these calls were answered. *RU*

On January 17, 1946 at 11:25 AM, RAY's brother JERRY spoke to RAY. RAY indicated that she was to have lunch on this date with IENA, and it was agreed that she would have lunch on January 18th with JERRY. They were to meet at 12:30 PM. *RU*

On the same date at 11:55 AM, a person known as SHIRLEY spoke to RAY. SHIRLEY indicated that she had been offered a job as a morgue keeper and stencil maker. SHIRLEY stated that the requirements for the position called for a "politically reliable person". SHIRLEY inquired of RAY if she was interested, but RAY stated that she does not like stencil making and therefore is not interested in the job. RAY invited SHIRLEY and probably her husband over for dinner sometime next week, indicating that any day except Tuesday would be satisfactory. It was tentatively agreed that they would get together on Monday. *RU*

On the same date at 12:15 PM, a person known as FANNIE spoke to RAY and then turned the telephone over to IENA DUTTO. RAY reminded IENA of their 1:00 o'clock engagement. It appeared that this call was made from the national offices of the I.W.O. and apparently FANNIE is employed there. *RU*

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On the same date at 3:15 PM, JOE ELSON spoke to RAY. RAY mentioned that she had purchased a book for him entitled "Marxism in Modern Art". RAY stated that she is writing a money-raising letter, that JERRY called and she will have lunch with him tomorrow, and that FANNIE had come to their apartment and brought some things back. *ju*

On this same date at 3:45 PM, RAY made a call to the Royal Theater regarding play tickets, and at 5:40 PM a person known as SHIRLEY spoke to RAY. SHIRLEY advised that they had gone on strike and wanted RAY and her husband to come to her office and help picket SHIRLEY's employer. She stated that the office was located in the Palace Theater building. RAY indicated that both she and her husband were busy with previous appointments but added that she would come up and help SHIRLEY picket if possible. *ju*

On the same date at 6:50 PM, the person known as LOUISE, possibly LOUISESCHATZ, spoke to JOE ELSON. It was indicated during the conversation that RAY and JOE were having dinner at LOUISE's on this date. *ju*

On January 18, 1946 at 9:10 AM, a person identifying herself as LOUISE spoke to RAY. RAY stated that she was having lunch with her brother and LOUISE asked her to come to her office during the afternoon. LOUISE stated that she works at 1 East 54th Street in the American Consul, Institute of Pacific Relations. She also indicated that her office is located on the fifth floor. *ju*

Incoming calls were reported at 2:32 PM and 7:15 PM on this same date; however, neither of these calls were answered. *ju*

On January 19, 1946 at 10:53 AM, a person with a definite foreign accent known as YANKO (phonetic) or JANKO (phonetic) spoke to JOSEPH ELSON. JOE inquired if YANKO was at the Lenin Memorial meeting, adding that he, JOE, was there but did not see YANKO. YANKO stated that he was there and had a seat in the right wing. They discussed the meeting, and YANKO stated that the speeches were dull. They agreed that FOSTER was all right; that DENNIS was dull; but generally thought that the performance was excellent except that YANKO thought it was not well enough organized and the program did not go fast enough, according to him. It was agreed that YANKO would come for breakfast on January 20th between eleven o'clock and twelve o'clock in the morning. YANKO then spoke to RAY and inquired about RAY's mother and her brother JERRY. In closing the conversation RAY addressed YANKO as YANKOWITZ (phonetic) or JANKOVITZ (phonetic). *ju*

On the same date at 11:15 AM, LENA DUTTO spoke to RAY. LENA referred to some person, apparently her husband FRANK, and stated that he *ju*

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was at a membership meeting. It was agreed that RAY and IENA would meet at the Beacon Theater, on this date, located at 74th Street and Broadway. A few minutes later, IENA again spoke to RAY and it was agreed that they would meet at the Theater at 2:00 PM. *Ku*

On this same date at 1:10 PM, RAY attempted to reach BILLIE HARDY by telephone. However, she was not at home. *Ku*

On this same date at 5:20 PM, BILLIE spoke to JOE ELSON and inquired if they were going to MILT's this evening. JOE replied that they were and invited BILLIE to have dinner with them and the three of them would go to MILT's together. *Ku*

At 7:40 PM on this same date, RAY telephoned MILTON KENNITZ telephone number Jamaica 3-6732. She informed MILTON that they were leaving their home in about fifteen minutes and should be at his residence in about an hour. *Ku*

On January 20, 1946 at 12:01 PM, JOE ELSON called an unknown number and requested to speak to a person known as GOLDMAN, who resides in Apt. 10-D. He was advised that GOLDMAN was not at home. *Ku*

On this same date at 1:15 PM, a person known as JEANETTE spoke to RAY. JEANETTE informed RAY that she had collected about \$14.00 in response to a letter RAY had written to her, apparently in connection with raising funds for some purpose. They discussed this matter and then RAY informed JEANETTE that she would renew her employment at the National Federation of Constitutional Liberties, starting again on January 21st. RAY stated that she would be working on a campaign there until about the middle of March and added that the job at the Federation may turn out to be permanent. JEANETTE stated that she thought RAY would be happier at the Federation since FRANCES is no longer there. This remark concerning FRANCES apparently is in reference to FRANCES WILLIAMS, who was formerly employed as secretary to MILTON KENNITZ at the National Federation of Constitutional Liberties. The following portion of the conversation with JEANETTE is set out verbatim:

R: Fine. I'll tell you, you know last night we were out at MILT's - MILT's house in Queens, and he told us about the committee, you know, things that, as I say, are still not for publication because they are part of big campaigns and honestly JEANETTE it's Fascism pure and simple. *Ku*

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Oh my goodness. You know what's the matter with you? You and LOUISE and a bunch of you? What's the matter don't - even if you read the plain, lousy press - I read the Post - you see Fascism so distinctly and it's supposed to be Liberal already and you see it so... (ind.) - so real to me, it's so real, I know it. So I can't imagine how people - I know even how vicious it is by just one word, and you know it's so rotten (?) to be so pressed. They're working overtime, we're not working overtime. Don't forget for four years we lied down and slept. They didn't sleep during that time...

R: Oh no, they were very busy. *uk*

J: ...and that's what I was so aggravated about all the time. We really lied down and slept and took it very peacefully for unity - the h--- with unity. To me unity - I have no importance. You will be united for what - to die in a concentration camp?

R: That's right. *uk*

J: I don't believe in that type of unity. Okay baby, so you'll be able to lay out fifteen bucks and I'll see what I can scrape up, more if I can, should I be able to go out. You know, as soon as I start getting out I could get a little bit more, maybe not, maybe yes. You know everybody has their own problems, but I'll surely get a dollar out of the people, you know, it's not \$10.00 or \$15.00.

R: Listen JEANETTE, should I give this in your name or do you want to give me - or temporarily in your name and then you can give me the names of the people. *uk*

J: Look, even in my name I don't need it, thank you. You know I really don't. *uk*

R: No, well I mean, you know, as a matter of record. *uk*

J: You know I would like you to send a letter or some of the literature, if you can, to SYDIA and to SHIRLEY. Let them know what's going on because they're very good propagandists too.

R: Oh well, listen JEANETTE, when I see you you give me their names and addresses, yes? *uk*

J: Yes, because they're very good propagandists and, all right, I don't know if they could collect money for you, but they could do a lot of good for it, you see, because they talk with people that don't, you know, know what's going on in the world - with really imbeciles - so, but they will be able to talk to them and with them it will be all right because it will propagandize it, you know, much farther than *uk*

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we can get it, so those two are very good propagandizer - or whatever you call it. I know whenever I wanted something done I just used to talk to them and fix them up and boy did it go far. In a few days they would come back and tell me when they got for this and when they got for that.

R: Oh, that's wonderful. *uX*

It also appeared during the conversation that RAY and JEANETTE planned to meet sometime on Friday, January 25th. They agreed to meet at some bar. *uX*

X On January 21, 1946, four incoming calls were reported between 9:58 AM and 12:50 PM. However, none of these calls were answered. At 1:25 PM a person identifying himself as RAY's brother called RAY's apartment and spoke to the maid. The maid informed him that RAY was out at that time. *uX*

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PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE - January 8, 1946 to January 21, 1946

On January 8, 1946, RAY ELSON was observed in her apartment. At 3:00 P.M. she left her residence, went shopping in the vicinity and returned home at 3:35 P.M. At 5:45 P.M. JOSEPH ELSON, her husband, was observed entering their residence. RAY ELSON was not again observed to leave her residence on this date, however, she and her husband were observed in their apartment during the evening along with guests.

According to information from confidential informant [REDACTED] the visitors in the ELSON apartment on this date were VERONA DANIEL HARDY, also known as BILLIE HARDY, and a person known as MILT, who is possibly MILTON KEMNITZ, concerning whom information is set forth later. *u* *b2* *b7D*

On January 9, 1946, RAY left her residence at 12:25 and proceeded to the Chase National Bank at 1124 Broadway, where she has an account. A few minutes later she left this bank and at 23rd Street boarded a downtown bus, where it was necessary to discontinue the surveillance.

At 3:00 P.M. she was observed to re-enter her residence carrying packages, and apparently she had been shopping in the vicinity. RAY was not again observed to leave her residence on this date, however, she and her husband and a third person were observed in her apartment throughout the evening.

On January 10, 1946, JOE ELSON was observed to leave their residence at 9:05 A.M., and at 12:10 P.M. RAY ELSON was observed to leave her residence carrying a flat package wrapped in brown paper. She proceeded to the hardware store at 119 Third Avenue, where she entered at 12:25 P.M. A few minutes later she came out of this store and proceeded by trolley car to 205 East 42nd Street, where she entered at 12:45 P.M. The offices of the National Federation of Constitutional Liberties is located at this address, and it will be recalled that RAY ELSON had in the past been employed in that office. At 1:05 P.M. she left this address accompanied by an unknown woman and proceeded to the A & P Grocery Store located at 39th Street and Third Avenue, where they apparently made some purchases. They returned to 205 East 42nd Street at 1:25 P.M., and a few minutes later RAY re-appeared accompanied by two other unknown women and proceeded to Stouffers Restaurant, 100 East 42nd Street, where they entered at 1:40 P.M. At 2:20 P.M. they re-appeared and then after a few minutes conversation in front of this restaurant, RAY

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left these two women and walked to Fifth Avenue. She proceeded north on Fifth Avenue, window shopping en route. She entered Peck and Peck, 58th Street and Fifth Avenue; Sak's Fifth Avenue Store, at 611 Fifth Avenue; and Bonwit Teller, 56th Street and Fifth Avenue. In these Department Stores, she walked through the various parts of the stores shopping.

At 3:50 P.M. RAY was observed walking south on Madison Avenue from the direction of 54th Street and was observed to enter 20 East 53rd Street by Special Agents JOHN HENRY DOYLE and FRANK J. NOLAN. The offices of Doctor A. B. WEINSTEIN, an important suspect in this case, are located at 20 East 53rd Street. RAY ELSON had an appointment to see Dr. WEINSTEIN at 4:00 P.M. on this date.

Special Agent LAWRENCE W. SPILLANE ascertained that when RAY ELSON entered the elevator at 20 East 53rd Street, she asked to be taken to the office of Dr. A. B. WEINSTEIN. She was photographed entering Dr. WEINSTEIN's office building from a surveillance vehicle, these photographs having been placed in the case file.

The two women with whom RAY ELSON had lunch at Stouffers Restaurant on this date, mentioned above, are described as follows:

Woman No. 1:

Age	26 to 28 years
Height	5' 3"
Weight	125 lbs.
Hair	Reddish blond, curly
Race	White
Dress	Black fur coat, black hat.

Woman No. 2:

Age	26 to 28 years
Height	5' 2"
Weight	125 lbs.
Hair	Black
Race	Apparently negro
Dress	Grey cloth coat, black hat, wears glasses.

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At 5:05 P.M. on the same date RAY, accompanied by her husband, exited 20 East 53rd Street. RAY entered the SHANTY restaurant nearby, where she made a telephone call. Her husband, JOSEPH ELSON, remained outside this restaurant. A few minutes later RAY re-appeared and they left this address and walked to the I. Miller Shoe Store, located at the intersection of 54th Street and Fifth Avenue. They remained in front of this store until they were joined at about 5:20 P.M. by a woman, later identified as JOSEPHINE LOUISE SCHATZ, who resides at 17 West 70th Street, New York City.

At 5:30 P.M. JOSEPH ELSON left RAY and LOUISE. He proceeded north on Fifth Avenue, while the two women walked south where they met a girl who was believed to be SUSAN A. SIPORIN, who resides at 30 West 105th Street, New York City. At about 5:40 P.M. this girl parted company with RAY ELSON and LOUISE SCHATZ. She proceeded to Larre's Restaurant, 50 West 56th Street where she dined alone. From there she proceeded by subway to 30 West 105th Street, where she entered the ground floor front apartment. SUSAN A. SIPORIN is known to reside at that address, and information concerning her is set forth in previous reports.

At 9:40 P.M. RAY ELSON was observed in her apartment. At 11:20 P.M. LOUISE SCHATZ, whom RAY had met at 5:20 P.M. on this date, left RAY's residence and proceeded by subway to 17 West 70th Street where she entered. It will be recalled that LOUISE SCHATZ resides at 17 West 70th Street and is a frequent contact of RAY ELSON.

On January 11, 1946, RAY ELSON was not observed to leave her residence during the day. At 7:20 P.M. RAY and her husband, accompanied by a woman believed to be BILLIE HARDY according to information from confidential informant [REDACTED] left the ELSON residence. They proceeded to the restaurant located at 41 Greenwich Avenue, where they had dinner and afterwards returned to the ELSON residence. No further activity was observed on this date. *W & L* b2
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On January 12, 1946, RAY was observed in her apartment during the morning, and at 12:20 P.M. accompanied by her husband left her residence. She went shopping in the vicinity and at 12:40 P.M. returned to her residence. At 1:00 P.M. she re-appeared, accompanied by LOUISE SCHATZ. They proceeded by subway to the vicinity of Rockefeller Center where they attempted to observe the parade up Fifth Avenue which was in progress at that time.

At 2:15 P.M. RAY and LOUISE SCHATZ boarded a downtown subway. At 2:30 P.M. they entered the S & B Liquor Store at 94 Seventh Avenue. They

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also entered the drug store at 16th Street and Seventh Avenue, and there-
after returned to RAY's residence.

At 9:35 P.M. RAY and her husband, accompanied by three women and one man, left the house and residence. At 10:15 P.M. they all entered the STUYVESANT Casino, 9th Street and Second Avenue. At 12:35 A.M. on January 13, 1946, RAY, accompanied by her husband and LOUISE SCHATZ, left this Casino and proceeded by cab to the Griddle Shop at the intersection of 38th Street and Sixth Avenue, where they were observed eating. At 1:00 A.M. they left this Griddle Shop, RAY and JOSEPH ELSON returning to their residence and LOUISE boarding an uptown subway.

According to the descriptions and from information furnished by confidential informant [REDACTED] it appears the three women mentioned above were LOUISE SCHATZ, SUSAN SIPORIN, and MIRIAM TANE, and the man was MITCHELL SIPORIN, brother of SUSAN SIPORIN. *bu b7D*

Confidential informant [REDACTED] had previously advised that a person known as MITCHELL had spoken to RAY ELSON's brother, JERRY, at 8:40 P.M. on this date from RAY's apartment, and gave his address as 121 West 97th Street. As set out below it has been ascertained that MITCHELL SIPORIN resides at 121 West 97th Street. *bu b7D*

KANE On January 13, 1946, RAY ELSON was observed in her apartment during the day. At 6:35 P.M. she and her husband were observed to leave their residence. They were accompanied by two people, identified as MURRAY and JOSEPHINE KANE, who reside in apartment 9-I in the same apartment building with the ELSONS. They had dinner at the Little Shrimp restaurant located at 23rd Street between 7th and 8th Avenue, and returned to their residence at approximately 8:30 P.M. RAY was not again observed during the evening.

On January 14, 1946, RAY left her residence at 10:10 A.M. and proceeded to the Accurate Pharmacy, 78 Seventh Avenue. She left this Pharmacy at 10:40 A.M. and boarded an uptown bus at the corner of 7th Avenue and 14th Street. She left this bus at 34th Street and proceeded to Macy's Department Store, Herald Square, where she entered at 10:55 A.M. She was observed shopping in Macy's and at 1:00 P.M. she returned to her residence. She was observed in her apartment during the afternoon, and during the early evening hours, RAY and JOSEPH were observed in their apartment along with a third unidentified man. At 10:00 P.M. JOSEPH ELSON was

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observed leaving his residence accompanied by the unidentified person. They walked to 14th Street and 7th Avenue where they parted, JOSEPH returning to his residence. The unidentified person proceeded to the Long Island Railroad Station in the Pennsylvania Station at 33rd Street and 7th Avenue. He was observed in conversation with an employee of Cushman's Bakery Shop in Pennsylvania Station. He is described as follows:

Age	27
Color	White
Weight	170 to 180 lbs.
Height	5' 9" to 10".
Build	Medium
Status	Erect
Dress	Brown suit, brown hat, brown plain shoes military style, tan covert cloth coat, brown gloves.

Special Agent L. MORRIS BEST ascertained under pretext at the Cushman's Bakery Shop that this unidentified person had the first name of JOHN and that he had been employed in this retail store about four or five years ago and that he had been in the military service, but had recently been discharged.

On January 15, 1946, RAY was observed in her apartment during the day. At 7:10 P.M. she left her residence accompanied by her husband and proceeded to the inter-section of the Avenue of the Americans and 16th Street, where her husband entered the book shop of the Jefferson School of Social Science. RAY remained outside this book shop, and after a few minutes her husband re-joined her. They entered the 6th Avenue subway and proceeded to West 4th Street and there they walked upstairs to the 8th Avenue subway. JOSEPH ELSON boarded this train, while RAY remained on the platform. From there she proceeded alone to the Art Theater where she witnessed the performance "Kiss and Tell." At 9:25 P.M. RAY left this theater alone and proceeded directly to her residence.

On January 16, 1946, RAY was observed in her apartment during the morning, and at 1:15 P.M. she left her residence accompanied by her husband. They proceeded to Fifth Avenue Hotel located at 9th Street and Fifth Avenue, where they had lunch. They left this hotel at 2:50 P.M. and proceeded by bus to 68th Street and Fifth Avenue. From there they walked

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to 70th Street where they entered the Frick Mansion and Museum, where they observed the art collection. At 3:55 P.M. they left the Frick Museum and proceeded by bus to 53rd Street and Madison Avenue. At 4:10 P.M. they were observed to enter 20 East 53rd Street by Special Agent JOHN J. DANAHY and ROSS D. WOLCOTT. It will be recalled that the office of Dr. A. B. WEINSTEIN is located at 20 East 53rd Street.

At 5:35 P.M. RAY and her husband re-appeared and proceeded to Rockefeller Center. At 8:00 P.M. RAY and her husband were observed entering 317 West 84th Street, where they spent the evening. It is believed that they spent this evening with SIMON and SYLVIA HALPERN at this address.

On January 17, 1946, at 12:45 P.M. RAY left her residence and proceeded to Hearn Department Store, 14th Street near Fifth Avenue. She walked through this store, leaving through the Fifth Avenue exit and walked north to the entrance of 80 Fifth Avenue.

At 1:10 P.M. RAY was joined by a woman fitting the description of LENA DUTTO. They walked north on Fifth Avenue to the Chase National Bank at 15th Street and Fifth Avenue where they entered. LENA was observed carrying on business in this bank. A few minutes later they left this bank and proceeded to the Premier Delicatessen and Lunch Restaurant at 160 Fifth Avenue where they had lunch. At 1:40 P.M. they left this address and returned to 80 Fifth Avenue where LENA entered. From there RAY proceeded directly to the Greenwich Savings Bank at 16th Street and the Avenue of Americans, where she entered at 2:00 P.M. A few minutes later she left this bank and proceeded to the Jefferson School of Social Science at the intersection of 16th Street and the Avenue of Americans. At 2:20 P.M. she left this school carrying a large brown manila envelope and proceeded directly to her residence where she entered at 2:30 P.M. She was not again observed to leave her residence on this date.

According to information from confidential informant [REDACTED] RAY and her husband planned to spend the evening of this date with RUTH MILLER, who resides in apartment 3-I in the same apartment building with the ELSONS. *b2 b7D*

On January 18, 1946, at 11:30 A.M. RAY left her residence and proceeded to 1134 Broadway where she entered at 11:45 A.M. At 12:15 P.M. she left this building by the Fifth Avenue exit and proceeded to the intersection of 32nd Street and Lexington Avenue, where she met a person

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believed to be her brother, JERRY, who was described as follows:

Age	30 to 35 years.
Height	5' 7 or 8"
Weight	135 lbs.
Complexion	Medium
Build	Slender
Features	Thin narrow face with large Jewish type nose. Clean shaven.
Dress	Medium blue overcoat, brown suit.

At 12:45 P.M. they entered the SHANTY Restaurant, 430 Fourth Avenue where they had lunch. At 1:30 P.M. they left this address and proceeded to 151 East 32nd Street where they separated, the man proceeding to the fourth floor where he entered the office of the War Records of Jewish Welfare League. From there RAY walked to the Royal Theater on West 45th Street, west of Broadway, where she attempted to purchase tickets. From there she proceeded to 1 East 54th Street where she entered at 2:30 P.M. She is believed to have entered the offices of the Institute of Pacific Relations which is located at that address. At 3:00 P.M. she left this address and at 3:05 P.M. entered the Museum of Modern Arts, 11 West 53rd Street.

At 4:10 P.M. RAY re-appeared and walked to 215 West 57th Street where she entered at 4:25 P.M. The Art Students League is located at this address, where her husband JOSEPH ELSON is presently attending school. At 6:15 P.M. RAY and her husband left 215 West 57th Street and proceeded by bus to 1445 Madison Avenue, where they entered at 6:45 P.M. At 10:40 P.M. they left this address with an unidentified girl and proceeded to the intersection at 98th Street and Madison Avenue, where the girl parted company with the ELSONS and returned to 1445 Madison Avenue. She is described as follows:

Age	Approximately 29 years.
Color	White
Height	5' 2"
Weight	115 lbs.
Hair	Reddish Blond, shoulder length
Dress	Wearing fur coat

RAY and her husband boarded a subway and proceeded to their residence where they entered at 11:25 P.M.

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Confidential informant GREGORY subsequently advised that RAY ELSON had contacted her at 1134 Broadway, where RAY entered at 11:45 A.M. on this date. The results of this contact are set forth elsewhere in this report.

The person RAY met at 32nd Street and Lexington Avenue was believed to be her brother, JERRY, who is employed at the Jewish Welfare League. Confidential informant [REDACTED] had previously advised that RAY was to meet her brother for lunch on this date. *bx b7D*

It was subsequently ascertained by the reporting agent from ALEX SWAN, superintendent at 1 East 54th Street, that LOUISE SCHATZ is presently employed on the fifth floor at 1 East 54th Street, which space is occupied by the Institute of Pacific Relations. Confidential informant [REDACTED] had reported on January 18 that a person known as LOUISE had requested RAY to visit her on this date at 1 East 54th Street. *bx b7D*

LOUISE SCHATZ has apparently obtained employment with the Institute of Pacific Relations recently, because up until a short time ago she was employed at the Columbia University Press at 118th Street and Broadway, New York City.

As set forth elsewhere in this report, WILLIAM WALTER REMINGTON, a subject in this case, arrived in New York from Washington on January 10, 1946, and on January 11, 1946, he was observed to enter the Institute of Pacific Relations at 1 East 54th Street. It is noted that a number of persons employed by and interested in this organization are known Communists with Communist connections.

On January 19, 1946, RAY was observed in her apartment during the morning, and at 11:45 A.M. she left her residence and was observed to make several purchases in the vicinity. She returned to her residence at 12:30 P.M. At 1:40 P.M. she re-appeared and proceeded by subway to the Beacon Theater, Broadway and 74th Street, where she entered. According to information from confidential informant [REDACTED] she had an appointment to meet LENA DUTTO at this theater. *bx b7D*

At 4:45 P.M. RAY left this theater and proceeded by subway to her residence where she entered at 5:15 P.M. At 8:00 P.M. she re-appeared accompanied by her husband and BILLIE HARDY and proceeded to the Union Turnpike stop on the 8th Avenue subway in Queens, Long Island. At that point they entered a taxi cab and proceeded to the vicinity of 7809 135th Street. They had a previous appointment to spend the evening of this date

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at the home of MILTON KEMNITZ, who resides at this address.

On January 20, 1946, RAY was observed in her apartment during the morning, and at 12:20 P.M. RAY and her husband accompanied by an unknown man were observed eating lunch in the ELSON's apartment.

In regard to this unknown man, he was observed to enter the ELSON residence at 12:15 P.M. carrying a package wrapped in white paper tied with a blue ribbon, resembling a gift. A few minutes after he entered, RAY, her husband, and this man were observed taking seats at the table near the window of their apartment. He was described as follows:

Age	50 Years
Height	5' 7"
Weight	150 lbs.
Hair	Gray, receding hair line
Race	White
Dress	Oxford gray overcoat, gray hat with black band, dark suit, black shoes. He appeared to wear thick turquoise shell glasses.

At 5:20 P.M. RAY left her residence and went shopping in the vicinity, and at 5:45 P.M. she re-entered her residence. At 7:00 P.M. RAY, her husband, and this unidentified man mentioned above, were again observed in the ELSON apartment. No further activity was observed on this date.

On January 21, 1946, RAY left her residence at 9:40 A.M. and proceeded by subway to 205 East 42nd Street where she entered at 10:00 A.M. The offices of the National Federation of Constitutional Liberties are located at this address, where RAY had apparently resumed employment on this date.

The physical surveillance logs prepared in connection with this surveillance have been placed in the case file, and the Special Agents who conducted this surveillance are: L. MORRIS BEST, H. COURTENAY CLINCH, JOHN M. COLLINS, JOHN J. DANAHY, HOWARD C. CLEBE, JAMES R. SHINNERS, and ROSS D. WOLCOTT.

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MILTON NEUMANN KEMNITZ

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On January 19, 1946, RAY and JOSEPH ELSON and BILLIE HARDY spent the evening at the home of MILTON KEMNITZ, 7809 135th Street, Flushing, Long Island, New York.

The records of this office reflect that MILTON KEMNITZ was born March 31, 1911, at Detroit, Michigan. He was a student at the University of Michigan from 1931 to 1933, and in 1933 he received an A.B. degree from that University. He attended the Post Graduate School there in 1936 and 1937. He has been an outstanding figure in the Communist Party and in Communist Party Front Organizations. He has been associated with the National Federation of Constitutional Liberties; and prior to going to sea in the Maritime Service, he was Executive Secretary of the National Federation of Constitutional Liberties. Because of his qualifications and previous responsibilities in the Communist movement, a strong presumption was believed to exist that KEMNITZ might be operating as a seaman courier for the Party or the International Apparatus. He is presently carried as a subject in the investigation entitled "COMINTERN APPARATUS - INTERNAL SECURITY - R", with San Francisco as office of origin. His description is as follows:

Name	MILTON NEUMANN KEMNITZ
Color	White
Age	35
Eyes	Gray
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Light
Citizenship	United States
Employment	Secretary, National Federation of Constitutional Liberties, 205 East 42nd Street, New York City.

RUTH VIRGINIA MILLER

As set forth in previous reports, RUTH MILLER has frequently been contacted by RAY ELSON, and on January 17, 1946, RAY ELSON spent the evening with RUTH MILLER.

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HAROLD WINSTED, Credit Manager, ALBERT ASHFORTH COMPANY, 12 East 44th Street, advised that their records reflected that RUTH VIRGINIA MILLER had moved into apartment 3-I at 161 West 16th Street on September 1, 1942. At that time she resided there with LOUISE SCHATZ. She gave her employment as with the U. S. Life Insurance Company, 101 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

RITA DELBOKA, Clerk in the personnel office of the U. S. Life Insurance Office, 101 Fifth Avenue, advised that their records reflected that RUTH VIRGINIA MILLER was born on May 4, 1917, at Scranton, Pennsylvania, of German-English parents. She stated that RUTH MILLER was a member of the Presbyterian Church and the American Historical Society. She received the A.B. degree in 1939 from Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York, and an A.M. degree from the Columbia University in 1940. She was also a candidate for a Phd. degree from Columbia University. She listed as former employment the Central High School, Scranton, Pennsylvania, where she was a cashier in the cafeteria while in school from 1932 to 1935. She was employed in the Scranton Tax Office, Scranton, Pennsylvania, in August and September of 1937. Beginning on June 2, 1941, she was employed by the U. S. Life Insurance Company as a valuation clerk in the Actuary Department. She resigned this position in September 19, 1942, to accept a position as a teacher in Brooklyn College. Her social security number is [REDACTED] b7c Her physical description as obtained from records of the U. S. Life Insurance Company and from the ALBERT ASHFORTH COMPANY is as follows:

Name	RUTH VIRGINIA MILLER
Age	29
Born	March 4, 1917, Scranton, Pennsylvania
Height	5' 5"
Weight	160 lbs.
Hair	Dark brown
Build	Slightly plump
Glasses	Yes

It was ascertained through HENRY SCHERER, doorman for several years at 161 West 16th Street, that RUTH VIRGINIA MILLER still resides in apartment 3-I at that address and resides with a person known as PAT EAGAN. He stated that to the best of his knowledge, EAGAN was a teacher and described her as follows:

Age	Approximately 28
Height	5' 10"
Weight	140 lbs.
Hair	Dark brown
Build	Slim

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It will be recalled as previously reported that a person known as PAT KAGAN has been mentioned in conversations reported by confidential informant [REDACTED] *Q2* b2 b7D

SHIRLEY PERSIN

As set forth above confidential informant [REDACTED] had reported conversations between RAY ELSON and a person known as SHIRLEY who was supposedly employed by Billboard Magazine.. *Q2* b2 b7D

S. ZABLOCKI, superintendent at 156 1/2 Broadway, advised that the only person presently employed at that building with the first name of SHIRLEY is an employee of Billboard Magazine, whose name is SHIRLEY PERSIN. He stated that she was employed as Secretary to a person by the name of AL MILLET who is in the advertising department of this publication, with offices on the sixth floor of this building. It was stated that SHIRLEY had been employed there at least for the last three years. He could give no further information concerning her except her description, which is as follows:

Name	SHIRLEY PERSIN
Age	23
Height	5' 4"
Weight	175 lbs.
Complexion	Dark
Hair	Black
Build	Heavy
Nationality	Jewish
Occupation	Secretary

ZABLOCKI stated that he knew nothing derogatory concerning SHIRLEY's background or activities and said that the employees of Billboard Magazine were presently on a strike as a result of labor and management difficulties.

The indices of this Office were checked for information concerning SHIRLEY PERSIN with negative results. Inquiry was also made at the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, 32nd Street and 7th Avenue, for information concerning this person with negative results.

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MITCHELL SIPORIN~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Confidential informant [REDACTED] reported on January 12, 1946, that a person by the name of MITCHELL, who resided at 121 West 97th Street, had visited the ELSON apartment. *WJ*

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ROBERT JOHNSON, mail carrier Station 8, 219 West 104th Street, advised that a person by the name of MITCHELL SIPORIN resided at 121 West 97th Street, and had been receiving mail at that address. Also receiving mail in the same mail box at that address is a person by the name of Miss MIRIAM TANE. JOHNSON recalled that the house at that address had recently been renovated and that SIPORIN had moved to that address early in December of 1945. He stated that considerable mail was received at that address, but he could give no further details.

The records of this Office were checked and reflect the name of MITCHELL SIPORIN as a member of the American Writers Congress in 1941, with a residence at 3243 West Crystal Street, Chicago, Illinois. The records of this Office also reflect that SUSAN A. SIPORIN, presently residing at 30 West 105th Street, has a brother by the name of MITCHELL SIPORIN.

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RE: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT GREGORY

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The following is being dictated by Special Agents Thomas G. Spencer and Joseph M. Kelly.

At approximately noon on January 18, 1946 Confidential Informant GREGORY telephonically advised that RAY ELSON had just left her office, having spent approximately one-half hour there visiting with the informant. It was learned that nothing of immediate importance transpired at this meeting and it was arranged that the informant would furnish full details on the following Monday. Later in the afternoon of this date the informant telephonically advised that, in accordance with the procedure discussed with her and outlined in reference report, she had seen EARL BROWDER that day and had spent approximately forty minutes in his company. She was of the opinion that the information gained by her from BROWDER was not of an extremely urgent nature and she suggested that she report on it at the same time she was to supply details of the ELSON meeting.

On January 21, 1946 informant advised Agents that after returning to her office on January 17, 1946 she had learned that RAY ELSON had telephoned her office asking for her and had indicated that she would call the following day. On January 18, 1946, without having telephoned in advance, ELSON appeared at the office of the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation about 11:15 A. M., ostensibly on a social visit although the informant was of a definite opinion that ELSON had some definite purpose in calling on her. During the conversation that ensued ELSON related that she was still employed at the NATIONAL FEDERATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES, and it was learned by the informant in a casual manner that ELSON had been visiting a dentist recently for dental treatment and that her husband, JOSEPH, also was having some bridgework done. (It is to be noted that the informant had been instructed to mention to ELSON that she herself was receiving dental treatment as it was thought that when this topic was mentioned ELSON might explain the matter of her recent visit to the office of Dr. ABRAHAM WEINSTEIN.) According to the informant, however, ELSON went into great detail with her as to the nature of the dental treatment she was receiving and also described at great length the details about the bridgework which her husband was having done. She did not mention the name nor the location of their dentist.

On the occasion of this conversation the informant told ELSON of the business proposals under consideration by the HARRIMAN family with reference to corporations to be organized for carrying on business between the United States and the USSR, particularly as they affected the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation; and she advised that ELSON manifested great interest in this news. ELSON volunteered the information that she felt it was a

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good move and, in response to informant's remark that she felt she should have some "guidance" on the matter and that it should be "checked", ELSON readily agreed that such procedure was desirable. Immediately thereafter ELSON remarked that informant was due to have a meeting with her contact in a very few days and that this would be a good time for her to discuss the HARRIMAN proposals. Informant intimated she was to have an early meeting although she did not state the exact date thereof and asked ELSON if the latter desired to "see anyone". ELSON answered that she had no such desire but asked that informant merely relay the information that ELSON was "still alive". It was also learned from informant that during this visit she remarked to ELSON that it must be difficult for RAY and her husband to subsist inasmuch as he was attending school full time and contributing nothing to the family income; ELSON answered only that they were getting along all right. Informant expressed the opinion this might be of some significance inasmuch as during the few months of ELSON's employment at the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation, she was continually drawing her salary checks several days in advance and appeared to be very hard pressed financially.

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The only other information believed pertinent to this investigation concerned ELSON's invitation to informant to have lunch with her on January 23, 1946. Informant believes that the near proximity of this date to the meeting scheduled for January 21, 1946 is of great significance, pointing out that she is positive she never told ELSON the exact date on which she was to have that meeting, yet ELSON appeared to have more definite information on it, and arranged the lunch meeting almost immediately thereafter. It was also ascertained that ELSON indicated in no way that she suspected her activities were under scrutiny by anyone.

With reference to her meeting with EARL BROWDER on the afternoon of January 18, 1946, informant advised that on the morning of that day she telephoned the office of DISTRIBUTORS GUIDE, INC., asked for EARL and when told he was not there but that BILL BROWDER was there, spoke with the latter. She told BILL she was desirous of seeing EARL that day and, after a very brief discussion, BILL told her to see EARL at 4:30 P.M. at the place where they had met on a previous occasion. Accordingly that afternoon informant proceeded to 55 West 42 Street, New York City, where she went to Room 312. She observed that there was a notice pasted on the door of that room referring all persons to Room 712 at the same address but decided to knock on the door of Room 312 to determine if there was any of the BROWDER group still occupying that room. The door was answered by HAROLD SMITH, whom she immediately recognized as the long time secretary to EARL BROWDER, and who is,

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of course, well known to this office. According to informant SMITH seemed very startled to see her, asked her what she was doing there, and when she replied that she had an appointment to see EARL BROWDER, he told her EARL was not in that office, but that he would make inquiry. He immediately went to the seventh floor and, during his absence, informant observed a woman walking down the corridor towards her in the direction of Room 312. There was no conversation between her and this woman, but informant recognized her as the individual whom she had met at the summer home of EARL BROWDER at Monroe, New York, in 1942 and 1944, and who had been introduced to her as EARL BROWDER's sister.

After a few minutes HAROLD SMITH returned to the third floor, told the informant that EARL BROWDER had just telephoned his office, and that he was at the information booth on the ground floor of Grand Central Station, awaiting the informant. She immediately proceeded to that location, where she met BROWDER and his wife and, on their invitation, went with them into a bar in the terminal for a cocktail. She asked EARL what progress he was making with his publication, "Distributors Guide", and he indicated that he had not yet been too successful with this venture. She thereupon told him that Lieutenant Colonel JOHN H. REYNOLDS had been reading the publication, was deeply impressed by it, and informant then presented BROWDER with a check for two hundred dollars, drawn on the U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation, being the payment for a year's subscription to this publication for REYNOLDS and herself. According to her, this sum was received very gratefully by BROWDER and he was in an extremely jovial and cordial mood. Further conversation between informant and EARL developed the information that when the new venture was launched six friends of his, all businessmen, according to him, each agreed to supply him with one hundred dollars per month in order to defray necessary expenses. BROWDER contended that this arrangement was on a business basis, that is, the sums advanced were to be repaid by him, and that matters had progressed so that it was no longer necessary for all six of his friends to contribute the six hundred dollar total per month, although he left the impression that he was still receiving some financial assistance from them. In response to informant's inquiries about what sales promotion methods BROWDER was employing, he told her it was extremely difficult for him to place his publication before the public because the newsstands were barred to him and that he, accordingly, had to rely on personal contacts in order to secure subscribers. Informant claimed BROWDER seemed to believe that many businessmen would be genuinely interested in the publication as a valuable business advisory service. He also expressed his elation over the publicity recently given his new venture by several New York City newspapers, mentioning in addition, that reporters from "Time" magazine and other publications had requested interviews.

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Informant directed several inquiries to BROWDER in an effort to ascertain his plans for the future and was able to learn only that BROWDER estimates it will require approximately two years for him to build up the circulation of his publication to the desired level. He also discoursed at length about the unintelligent and stupid leadership being exhibited at the present time by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and the other leaders of the clique which ousted him from the Communist Party, and regretted the fact that he had not seized the opportunity fifteen years ago to remove FOSTER from his high position in the party. He gave the impression that it was through his planning that FOSTER had risen to the high councils of the party and that his present position was due to a mistake by BROWDER in tutoring him. Although he did not express the idea in so many words, the informant definitely is of the opinion that BROWDER plans to attempt to reconstitute himself with the ruling powers of the Communist Party, at least in the international councils of the party, and he seems not to have abandoned his idea of some sort of modified cooperation between the Party and the capitalist class in the United States, that is, the policy which he adopted for the party after the invasion of Russia by Germany in June 1941.

Another item of interest which informant was able to develop on this occasion concerned the identity of the woman whom informant identified as BROWDER's sister in the building at 55 West 42 Street, New York City. Informant remarked to BROWDER that she had apparently misunderstood the place where she was to meet BROWDER and by mistake had gone to 55 West 42 Street, that she thought she had seen there, BROWDER's sister, and BROWDER remarked that this woman was his sister and that she was "working with us down there." He did not call her by name but it is believed that this woman is MARGARET BROWDER. Separate investigation of MARGARET BROWDER is presently under way in this Division and is being reported under her name.

As mentioned above, BROWDER was most friendly and cordial towards informant and it would appear that, without arousing any suspicion or distrust whatsoever, informant can confer with BROWDER at any time. It is also of possible significance that during her visit with him, informant, as instructed by Lt. Col. REYNOLDS, told him the details of the proposed HARRIMAN venture. He expressed great interest in this, said he favored the idea of REYNOLDS' becoming affiliated with this group, and obviously feels that such an eventuality might give him an entree to W. AVERELL HARRIMAN and the latter's associates.

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Additional information furnished Agents by informant on the occasion of the discussion with her on January 21, 1946 concerned a visit made to her office by an unidentified woman, on January 17, 1946. Informant explained that she had gone to her doctor's office that morning, instructing her receptionist that she expected to be back at the office at approximately noon; that she, however, had lunch before she returned to her office and, on her arrival there, learned that at eleven o'clock a woman had telephoned the office, asked for the informant, and when told that she was expected back in an hour, asked directions as to the location of the office and indicated she would proceed there. Informant learned from her receptionist that at approximately 11:30 A.M. that day a woman, whom she described as being in her mid thirties, slim build, blond, and with a turned up nose appeared at the office, asked for the informant and stated she would await her return. When informant had not returned by noon, this unidentified person prepared to leave the office and, in response to the receptionist's inquiries, said only that her name was "Miss WHITE", and that she was an old personal friend of the informant, that she did not desire to leave any message, but that informant would know where to contact her. Informant claims to be unacquainted with any person of that name, but immediately observed that the scanty description is very similar to that of "CATHERINE", whose activities she had previously described in detail. It was learned that none of her previous contacts ever used the name WHITE and she appears to be at a total loss to know the identity of this person unless she is "CATHERINE". Up to the date of the dictation of this report there has been no further telephonic communication to the office of U. S. Service and Shipping Corporation by anyone using the name WHITE nor has this visitor again appeared at the office.

Inasmuch as on the occasion of her last meeting with AL on November 21, 1945 the informant had agreed to meet him on January 21, 1946, at 4:00 P.M. at the same location, namely BICKFORD's Restaurant, 8th Avenue and 23rd Street, New York City, she proceeded there at the scheduled time. Appropriate arrangements for coverage were made, but it was reported by surveilling agents that although informant remained at the meeting place for approximately one hour and ten minutes no one met her there. She has not been advised of AL's true identity, nor of the fact that he departed on December 6, 1945 for Russia.

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RE: ~~ALEXANDER KORAL~~

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The following matter is dictated by Special Agent NICHOLAS M. KALMES and covers the period from January 11 through January 17, 1946:

Spot check surveillances conducted on ALEXANDER KORAL during the above period by the writer and Special Agents F. J. GALLANT, and W. H. NELSON reflected KORAL continues to be at his place of employment at 49 Flatbush Avenue Extension each day except Saturday and Sunday, on which days no activity by KORAL was observed. Through the assistance of Mr. SALVADORE BASILE, superintendent of the apartment house in which KORAL resides, it was learned that KORAL remained at home both Saturday and Sunday, January 12th and 13th, 1946.

The services of confidential informant [REDACTED] whose identity is known to the Bureau, were engaged over the period from January 11 through 17, 1946, and this informant advised that no contacts of importance were made by KORAL or his wife. b2
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Re: ALEXANDER KORAL

The following matter was dictated by Special Agent Nicholas M. Kalnes and covers the period from January 17th through January 22nd, 1946:

u Through the assistance of Confidential Informant [REDACTED] whose identity is known to the Bureau, it was ascertained that on January 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22, 1946, there were no contacts of importance with ALEXANDER KORAL observed by this Informant. (u) b2 b7D

Spot check surveillance of ALEXANDER KORAL by Special Agents W. H. Nelson, F. J. Gallant and N. M. Kalnes on January 17, 18, and 19, 1946, reflected that KORAL was at his place of employment on the 17th and 18th, and that he remained at home on the 19th.

Through Confidential Informant [REDACTED], it was ascertained that on January 14, 1946, MRS. KORAL was contacted by one CLAIRE, who advised that one CELIA had returned to New York and has an apartment at Gramercy Park. It was also learned that Mr. and Mrs. KORAL expected to visit CELIA on January 20, 1946, between 4 and 5 p.m. u x b2 b7D

On January 20th, a surveillance was taken up at a point near KORAL's residence at 290 Empire Boulevard by the writer and Special Agent W. H. Nelson. At 3:45 p.m., KORAL was observed walking eastward on Empire Boulevard toward Nostrand Avenue. He walked southward on Nostrand Avenue about 40 yards and during the period that he was on the street, he appeared to be checking for a surveillance. At approximately 4 o'clock, after carefully checking the block on Empire Boulevard between Rogers and Nostrand Avenues, and the block on Nostrand Avenue between Empire Boulevard and Sterling Street, he returned to his residence and never again on this day appeared on the street.

KORAL always appears to be checking the area through which he walks for a surveillance, and on this occasion he appeared more diligent than usual in his check.

Spot check surveillance of KORAL on January 21 and 22, 1946, reflected that he was at his place of employment at 49 Flatbush Avenue Ext. on both of these days.

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RE: PETER C. RHODES

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The following matter is dictated by Special Agent NICHOLAS M. KALMES and covers the period from January 10th through January 16, 1946:

During the last week of December, 1945, it was noted that one GEORGE ADAMS contacted PETER RHODES on several occasions. On one of these occasions, he told RHODES that he expected to go to San Francisco and Los Angeles. The San Francisco Field Division was advised of ADAMS' intention, and the following information was obtained concerning him:

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It was ascertained from Mr. WILLIAM CONNELLY, Manager of the Hotel Roosevelt, that GEORGE ADAMS registered at this hotel on January 2, 1946, stating that he would be there for four days. He gave his address as 11th Place Road, Cherioux, Paris, France.

"On January 7, 1946, Mr. CONNELLY advised that ADAMS checked out of the hotel about 7:30 P.M. that date and left by train at 6:30 P.M. for Los Angeles. Mr. CONNELLY further advised that he had some conversation with ADAMS and was informed by him that he would be in Los Angeles for a short time and then go to New York from which point he would proceed on to Paris, France. Mr. CONNELLY described ADAMS as follows:

"Age	28 - 30
Height	5'10"
Weight	160 to 170 lbs.
Hair	Black, thick
Build	Medium
Complexion	Medium
Glasses	Yes
Peculiarities	Full face and narrow chin, high broad forehead, "smooth talker with French accent."

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There is being set out below information concerning PETER RHODES which was obtained through the services of confidential informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau. *u*

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On January 10, 1946, this informant advised that PETER RHODES was contacted by GENE WARNER and that WARNER and RHODES agreed to meet at a later date. This informant also advised that Mrs. RHODES contacted a man named FONT (phonetic) at Circle 7-1725. This number is held by the Belgian Economic Commission, 630 5th Avenue, New York City. *u*

Confidential informant [redacted] advised that RHODES made no contacts of importance on January 11, 1946. *u*

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On January 12, 1946, confidential informant [redacted] advised that RHODES attempted to contact CLAY SCHLUTER, but was unable to reach him and therefore advised SCHLUTER's wife that he and RHODES were to meet with FRYE (phonetic) at the latter's apartment at 342 West 56th Street, on the night of January 12. This informant advised likewise that one PIERRE BEDARD (phonetic) of the French Institute contacted Mrs. RHODES and invited Mr. and Mrs. RHODES to a dinner at the Coffee House, 54 West 45th Street, on January 22, 1946. BEDARD explained that the dinner is in honor of GEORGE ADAULT (phonetic - this man may be GEORGE ADAMS who is expected to return to New York). The above informant also reported that one "ANDY" ANDERSON attempted to contact PETER RHODES on this day. *u*

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On January 13, 1946, confidential informant [redacted] advised that Major ANDERSON, who may be the same as "ANDY" ANDERSON, expected to visit RHODES at his apartment on this day. *u*

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The above informant advised that an unidentified man, who gave his phone number as Virginia 7-7781, contacted Mr. RHODES and they discussed a mutual friend whom they called SCHWARTZ. This phone number is listed to JOSEF A. ANTSCHERL, 120-33 83rd Avenue, Kew Gardens. *u*

Confidential informant [redacted] advised that RHODES likewise contacted TEMPLETON PECK, EUGENE WARNER, who resides at 111 East 55th Street and whose telephone number is Plaza 3-3648, and TED OLSEN and invited these three men to join a party to be given at his apartment. *u*

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The above informant advised that there were no contacts of importance made by RHODES on January 14, and that on January 15, 1946, RHODES *u*

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contacted ~~ETHEL SCHROEDER~~, asking her to attend a party at his house. SCHROEDER asked RHODES if ~~DICK CROSSON~~, of the Palestine Commission, could come with her. RHODES asked SCHROEDER for the address of ~~THURMAN L. BERNARD~~, and was told that BERNARD works for the Compton Advertising Agency and living in Scarsdale. *u*

On January 16, 1946, confidential informant [redacted] advised that RHODES contacted one ~~JIM RENTURA~~ (phonetic) and invited him to attend the party at RHODES' apartment, and he also contacted ~~BELLE BECKER~~ at Random House, asked her to come to the party and told her that he was having *bx b7D* *gsk* ~~HANNAH~~ and ~~MATHEW JOSEPHSON~~ at the party too.

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Re: PETER C. RHODES

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The following matter was dictated by Special Agent Nicholas M. Kalmes and covers the period from January 17th through January 22nd, 1946:

Through the services of Confidential Informant [redacted], whose identity is known to the Bureau, it was learned that on January 17, 1946, PETER RHODES was contacted by a man who called himself EVANS and who stated he was in New York for a short visit. He promised to visit RHODES at his residence, but was unable to get there. *u* *b2 b7D*

Through the services of the above Informant, on January 18, 1946, it was learned that PETER RHODES contacted one MR. RAFFERTY of an organization known as War Agencies, and arrangements were made for RHODES to meet RAFFERTY at the latter's office in Room 1548 at 120 Broadway. *u*

On the same day RHODES contacted Dr. WEINSTEIN's office, where BETTY HART made an appointment for him at 12:30 p.m. January 23, 1946, and for MRS. RHODES at the same time on January 23, 1946. *u*

On the same day, MRS. RHODES contacted on several occasions the Belgian Consulate in New York, concerning the filing of forms necessary for receiving a Power of Attorney from her mother who resides in Brussels. *u*

[redacted] advised that on January 19, 1946, RHODES made no pertinent contacts. *u* *b2 b7D*

On January 20, 1946, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that PETER RHODES was contacted by one GENE SHEFFIELD (ph), during which SHEFFIELD discussed a meeting that he had with CLAY SCHLUTER in which various writing propositions were discussed. *u* *b2 b7D*

On January 21, 1946, [redacted] advised that one MR. EDWARD DODD contacted PETER RHODES and asked him to review a French novel called "Mal Dun" by ISABELLE DORGLIE. *u* *b2 b7D*

On the same day RHODES was contacted by a man addressing himself as GENE and they discussed a party which was to take place at "JIM's place" at 30 Sutton Place. They indicated that the phone number of the latter's place is Plaza 5-5699. This number is listed to JAMES E. FRAVELL at 30 Sutton Place. *u*

On January 22, 1946, [redacted] advised that there were no contacts of importance with PETER RHODES. *u* *b2 b7D*

There is being set out below information obtained from Confidential Informant [redacted]

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RE: WILLIAM WALTER REMINGTON

The following investigation of WILLIAM WALTER REMINGTON, was conducted by Special Agents JOSEPH C. WALSH and FRANCIS D. O'BRIEN:

On January 10, 1946 the Washington Field Office advised this office that REMINGTON had departed from Washington, D. C. at 5:00 P.M. on that date. At 9:00 P.M. REMINGTON was observed by Agents WALSH and O'BRIEN leaving the Pennsylvania Railroad train which arrived at Pennsylvania Station, New York and which had departed from Washington D. C. at 5:00 P. M. the same date. REMINGTON proceeded to the 8th Avenue Subway and boarded a train. He was seen to enter 468 Central Park West. This is an apartment house located between 109th and 110th Streets, New York City. It was not determined as to the exact floor to which REMINGTON proceeded but it was believed when the elevator returned to the first floor that it had come from the third floor of the apartment house. Surveillance was continued outside this apartment house until approximately 10:00 P.M. at which time it was discontinued. (u)

On January 11, 1946 surveillance was taken up at the Grand Central Station by Agents at 8:00 A.M., for the purpose of determining whether or not REMINGTON might depart from this station. At 8:45 A.M. surveillance was resumed in the vicinity of 468 Central Park West. At 9:55 A.M. the subject departed from this address, at which time it was noted that he was carrying a black leather bag with his initials thereon. It was the same bag he had carried with him on the previous night. REMINGTON proceeded to the 110th Street station of the 8th Avenue Subway and boarded a train. He departed from this train at 42nd Street. He spent approximately one-half hour in the vicinity of 42nd Street between 7th and 8th Avenues, entering Army and Navy Goods stores. It was noted that REMINGTON had apparently purchased a pair of shoes, inasmuch as he came out of a store with a bundle that appeared to have shoes in it. REMINGTON then proceeded to the 6th Avenue Subway, boarded a train, got off at 14th Street and walked to 17th Street and 5th Avenue and entered BARNES & NOBLE BOOK STORE, 107 - 5th Avenue, where he purchased a book. (u)

REMINGTON then proceeded via the 7th Avenue Subway to 116th Street, where he got off and walked to COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY. Apparently REMINGTON had an appointment at the university, inasmuch as he constantly looked at his watch and started to run. (u)

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He was observed entering Fayerweather Hall, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY. It was observed that REMINGTON's hat and coat, as well as his bag were in the office of Professor FREDERICK C. MILLIS who occupies Room 501A of Fayerweather Hall. REMINGTON entered the office at approximately 11:45 A.M. and emerged from Fayerweather Hall at 1:20 P.M. REMINGTON proceeded to a Sandwich Shop on Broadway where he had his lunch and then returned to COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY library, where he entered one of the rooms and stayed approximately ten minutes. (u)

At 2:05 P.M. REMINGTON boarded a subway train and proceeded to 50th Street, New York City and walked directly to the RCA Building, where he entered the elevator after looking on the bulletin board for the place to which he was going, and got off at the 55th floor. He went into room 5500, which room is occupied by the ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION EDUCATION BOARD. (u)

At 2:50 P.M. REMINGTON left the RCA Building and walked to 689 - 5th Avenue, entering the building at 1 East 54th Street, and proceeded to the fourth floor. It was noted that the fourth floor is occupied by the INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS. It is to be noted that a number of persons employed by and interested in, the INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS are members of the Communist Party. (u)

At 3:15 P.M. REMINGTON proceeded to the INTER-CITY MIDTOWN BUS TERMINAL, 43rd Street, New York City, where he inquired concerning the departure of the next bus to Ridgewood, New Jersey. He ascertained that the bus would depart at 4:10 P.M. for Ridgewood, New Jersey. REMINGTON then walked around Times Square. He was observed entering the Public Telephone Center for members of the armed forces. (u)

REMINGTON boarded the 4:10 P.M. bus which was destined for Ridgewood, New Jersey, and arrived in upper Ridgewood, New Jersey at 6:20 P.M. He left the bus at Glenwood Road and entered 560 Upper Boulevard, Ridgewood, New Jersey at 6:35 P.M. Surveillance was continued on the subject until 10:00 P.M., at which time it was turned over to Special Agents McBRIDE and CHAPMAN of the Newark Field Division. (u)

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On January 14, 1946 the Boston Field Division advised this office that REMINGTON was leaving Whiteriver Junction, Vermont at 2:50 P.M. and that he was due to arrive at Grand Central Station at 9:50 P.M. and, further, that it was believed REMINGTON was to continue on to Washington, D. C., departing from Pennsylvania Station on the 11:30 P.M. or 12:20 A.M. train. At 8:30 P.M. surveillance was taken up at Grand Central Station on the trains arriving from Whiteriver Junction, Vermont and Springfield, Massachusetts. The surveillance was continued until 11:00 P.M., the time at which the train from Whiteriver Junction arrived at Grand Central Station, New York, but REMINGTON was not observed departing from any of the trains during this interim of time. (u)

Surveillance was taken up at Pennsylvania Station at 11:30 P.M. and at 12:20 A.M. on both trains which were departing for Washington, D. C., but REMINGTON was not observed leaving Pennsylvania Station on either of these trains. (u)

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RE: LT. COL. JOHN HAZARD REYNOLDS**CONFIDENTIAL**

The following information concerning JOHN HAZARD REYNOLDS was obtained from a review of the New York Field Division files by Special Agent Francis D. O'Brien:

JOHN HAZARD REYNOLDS was born on November 13, 1886 in Albany, New York. REYNOLDS is reported to have been the son of an old family that originally settled on Long Island. His father was a New York State Supreme Court judge and there was considerable money in the family, but REYNOLDS himself did not come into any considerable sum until the early '30's. REYNOLDS did not complete college but came to New York City about 1906 and held numerous jobs as a runner, a board marker and other miscellaneous positions with various firms in the financial district of New York. At some later date he was taken into partnership with a member of the New York Stock Exchange and remained in that business until the beginning of World War I. He entered the armed services as a Private, but due to his financial background he was stationed in Washington, D. C. At the termination of the war he held the rank of Major. Just subsequent to World War I REYNOLDS married GRACE FLEISCHMAN, one of the members of the prominent FLEISCHMAN YEAST family.

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According to informant GREGORY, REYNOLDS went back to Wall Street after World War I and was in partnership in the financial district with several firms until sometime in early 1929, when he withdrew from the business. Sometime in the early '30's he came into a fairly substantial inheritance through his grandmother and commenced to travel and had no employment until sometime in 1934.

REYNOLDS claimed in 1941 in a credit statement that from 1928 until that time his activities had been represented by the management of his own, his wife's and late mother's affairs, and claimed to be executor and sole heir to the estate of his late mother MARY L. SAXE which estate, according to him, is represented principally by real estate on Long Island.

It has been ascertained through the CHASE NATIONAL BANK that REYNOLDS married GRACE FLEISCHMAN, whose father was the principal stockholder in the NEW NETHERLANDS BANK, which was taken over by the CHASE NATIONAL BANK and is now known as the NEW NETHERLANDS BRANCH OF THE CHASE NATIONAL BANK, and that both Mr. and Mrs. REYNOLDS maintain their personal accounts in the NEW NETHERLANDS BRANCH.

Informant GREGORY further advised that REYNOLDS was sent to Russia

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by the CHASE NATIONAL BANK to make a report on financial conditions in that country. REYNOLDS spent in all about two months in Russia and, according to the informant, while there saw many prominent individuals in connection with the report that he was making inquiry into the financial affairs of the Russian Government. Informant also stated that REYNOLDS appeared to have been greatly impressed by the people he met. On REYNOLDS return to New York he drew up a report which he submitted to the CHASE NATIONAL BANK for which they refused to pay him as this apparently was of no value to them, according to the informant.

In connection with REYNOLDS' political background, he has indicated to informant GREGORY that he had been a Socialist for the past 20 years and that on one occasion in 1919 he spoke on the same platform somewhere in New Jersey with SCOTT NEARING, and that he had made the statement to the informant that he knew NORMAN THOMAS and JOHN REED, who have been active in the Socialist Party movement.

Informant also determined that REYNOLDS had been an acquaintance of some longstanding with THEODORE BAYER and had made numerous financial contributions to TED BAYER'S magazine, the "SOVIET RUSSIA TODAY", and he had also given financial assistance to HERBERT GOLDFRANK, who was associated with the "NEW MASSES".

Informant further advised that REYNOLDS was a good friend of LEM HARRIS (Communist Party treasurer) and has stated to the informant that HARRIS and his family, as well as REYNOLDS' family, had been one time residents of Tuxedo Park, New York, and that his acquaintanceship with HARRIS had started early in boyhood.

Conf. Informant GREGORY has stated that REYNOLDS is not a dues paying Communist Party member, but that he had openly admitted that he is a "Marxist" and a "Communist" and further indicated that he had given substantial sums of money to various Communist Party enterprises prior to his association with the UNITED STATES SERVICE & SHIPPING CORPORATION, but that subsequent to his association with this company he was no longer contributing any large sums of money to the enterprises with which TED BAYER, LEM HARRIS and HERBERT GOLDFRANK were associated, and that he did give them small sums of money merely to ingratiate himself, considering that their friendship would be of some assistance in the operation of the UNITED STATES SERVICE & SHIPPING CORPORATION.

According to informant GREGORY, REYNOLDS was recommended to become the President of the UNITED STATES SERVICE & SHIPPING CORPORATION through EARL BROWDER or one of EARL BROWDER'S functionaries. Informant further advised that the company was incorporated in February of 1941,

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and it was known as the UNITED STATES SERVICE & SHIPPING CORPORATION; that REYNOLDS had put up \$5,000 in the company and that EARL BROWDER on behalf of the Communist Party had put up \$15,000. Also, that all of the stock certificates that were issued were issued in the name of JOHN HAZARD REYNOLDS. The law firm of CLARK, CARR & ELLIS drew up the papers for the forming of the corporation and, according to the informant, REYNOLDS never indicated that the capital investment of the company was put up by anyone except himself.

It is to be noted that the UNITED STATES SERVICE & SHIPPING CORPORATION acted as agency for INTOURISTS of Russia and in this connection REYNOLDS had made the statement that he had made a rather extensive trip to Soviet Russia and that it was through these contacts that he was able to obtain the agency from INTOURISTS. REYNOLDS is reported to have made this statement to a manager of one of the CHASE NATIONAL BANK branches.

Through confidential informants it was ascertained by contract dated March 21, 1941 that the UNITED STATES SERVICE & SHIPPING CORPORATION was designated as exclusive agent and representative of INTOURISTS, the official Russian travel agency, Moscow, Russia, in the United States, Canada and Mexico, and agreed to pay INTOURISTS certain fees for the shipment of parcels, packages and merchandise to Soviet Russia. In this connection a letter was sent from the UNITED STATES SERVICE & SHIPPING CORPORATION by its President, JOHN H. REYNOLDS, to AMTORG TRADING CORPORATION, 210 Madison Avenue, New York City, instructing AMTORG to close their Shipping Department. Prior to this time the issuance of licenses for imports to Soviet Russia from the United States had been handled through the Shipping Department of AMTORG TRADING CORPORATION.

It is to be noted that REYNOLDS was, at one time, Vice President of WORLD TOURISTS, INCORPORATED, which organization had been investigated by the New York Field Division and is still under investigation.

A review of the files also indicates that the UNITED STATES SERVICE & SHIPPING CORPORATION was advised by the State Department in 1941 that it would not have to register as an agent of a foreign principal as its activities were apparently to promote bona fide trade or commerce of its principal INTOURISTS, Moscow.

Conf. Informant GREGORY advised that in December of 1942 REYNOLDS was given a commission as a Major in the Finance Department of the U. S. Army and that after training for a short period of time in North Carolina he was subsequently assigned to Hoboken, New Jersey and Washington, D. C. and that presently he is assigned to 2 Lafayette Street, New York City

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Finance Division of the United States Army. In September of 1945 REYNOLDS was elevated to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and is executive officer of the finance office in New York City.

Informant further advised that she was instructed, subsequent to the time REYNOLDS entered on active duty with the United States Army, that in the event LEM HARRIS should ask that some money be placed in the safe-deposit box maintained by the UNITED STATES SERVICE & SHIPPING CORPORATION, that he should be allowed to do so and, likewise, if HARRIS requested any money that had already been placed there by him be returned to him that it should be done. HARRIS, according to the informant, continued to make deposits in the safe-deposit box of the company up until the spring of 1945, but that it was informant's opinion that HARRIS has withdrawn all his funds from the safe-deposit box.

Informant GREGORY has advised that REYNOLDS had been introduced to AL (GROMOV) and that they had discussed the finances of REYNOLDS in the UNITED STATES SERVICE & SHIPPING CORPORATION and that AL had indicated to REYNOLDS that the \$15,000 which had been originally placed in the corporation had been placed there by the Russians. Also, REYNOLDS and the informant referred to AL as PAUL.

Informant further stated that she had explained to REYNOLDS that she had been mixed up in some undercover work with JACOB GOLOS, now deceased, and former Russian contact of the informant. Informant explained to REYNOLDS that all of the activities along intelligence lines had ceased in November, 1943 after the death of GOLOS.

Informant, at this time, advised REYNOLDS that if the Russians were interested in maintaining the UNITED STATES SERVICE & SHIPPING CORPORATION that they were doing it for a purpose and that he would probably become involved. It was at this time that REYNOLDS indicated to the informant that he probably knew that AL was, in fact, a Soviet agent. It is to be noted that REYNOLDS did not meet AL until June of 1945.

In reply to this statement of the informant, REYNOLDS made the statement that he felt he, being an American, and this being an American corporation, would be able to prevent the corporation being used for any Russian activities and gave the impression that he was capable of handling any exigencies which might arise.

It is to be noted that no active investigation of REYNOLDS has been conducted by the New York Field Division, but all investigative work

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conducted has been done so in connection with REYNOLD's association in the WORLD TOURISTS, INCORPORATED and UNITED STATES SERVICE & SHIPPING CORPORATION.

The following description of REYNOLDS was obtained by observation of Special Agents of the New York Field Division:

Name:	JOHN HAZARD REYNOLDS
Age:	59
Born:	November 13, 1886, Albany, N. Y.
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	180 lbs.
Hair:	Brown; combed straight back close to head
Eyes:	Blue
Complexion:	Ruddy
General Appearance:	Neat; clean shaven
Business address:	212 5th Avenue, New York City
Residence:	825 5th Avenue, New York City

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Re: DR. ABRAHAM BENEDICT WEINSTEIN

In the course of the physical surveillance of RAY ELSON, she and her husband JOSEPH were observed on January 17, 1946 to enter the building at 20 East 53rd Street, New York City. This is a seven storey office building and the sixth floor is occupied entirely by Dr. ABRAHAM B. WEINSTEIN. Prior to this date, on January 16, 1946 information was obtained through Confidential Informant [redacted] that RAY ELSON was to be at the office of Dr. WEINSTEIN on January 17, 1946. She was observed to enter this building at 4:10 PM. On this date, Dr. ABRAHAM B. WEINSTEIN was himself under physical surveillance by Special Agents John Henry Doyle and Francis F. Nolan. At the time RAY ELSON entered the building, Dr. ABRAHAM B. WEINSTEIN was himself eating dinner at the Swiss Pavilion on East 50th Street, New York City. He was observed to re-enter the building at 20 East 53rd Street at 4:25 PM. RAY ELSON was observed by the surveilling agents to leave the building at 5:25 PM together with her husband JOSEPH. ELSON u \$ b2 b7D

Confidential Informant [redacted], who has been in close contact with the office of Dr. ABRAHAM B. WEINSTEIN at 20 East 53rd Street, New York City, advised that on January 22, 1946 Mrs. PETER RHODES contacted Dr. WEINSTEIN's secretary and advised that she wished to make an appointment for herself to have dental work done and also for her husband PETER RHODES. Mrs. IONE RHODES made an appointment for herself at 12:30 PM on January 22, 1946 and also for her husband PETER RHODES at 12:30 PM on January 23, 1946. Mrs. IONE RHODES inquired of Dr. WEINSTEIN's secretary as to whether or not Dr. ABRAHAM WEINSTEIN himself would be present at the time she came to his office as she wanted to ask his advice regarding her proposed stay outside of New York City. \$ u b2 b7D

On January 23, 1946 Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that BETTY HEART, secretary to Dr. WEINSTEIN, advised that Mr. RHODES desired to pay his dental bill by use of a predated check. ROSE, last name unknown and also an employee of Dr. WEINSTEIN, told BETTY HEART that RHODES had an old account for 1942 and 1943, and that he had paid \$350 last year. At that time ROSE told BETTY HEART that they would let RHODES know about accepting the predated check on Friday, January 25, 1946. \$ u b2 b7D

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that on January 8, 1946 a party by the name of JACK RICHTER contacted the office of Dr. WEINSTEIN and advised that he was a friend of a Dr. KRAMER in Washington, D. C. He stated b2 u \$ b7D

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that he was at that time in New York City and that he wished to make an appointment for his wife to see Dr. WEINSTEIN. JACK RICHTER at that time stated that he believed his wife had an interesting case, and that he would like to come to see the doctor on that date, January 8, 1946. Subsequently an appointment was made to see Dr. WEINSTEIN at 4:00 PM on that date. *u*

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that on January 9, 1946 Dr. ABRAHAM B. WEINSTEIN told an old friend by the name of SYLVIA INGLE (ph) that his brother MORRIS had not been engaged in the practice of dentistry for the past two years. Dr. WEINSTEIN said that his brother for the past two years had been engaged exclusively in writing a play. This play, according to Dr. WEINSTEIN, is getting near the point where it will be ready for production and they expect that it will be completed in a couple of months. Dr. ABRAHAM WEINSTEIN has himself assisted his brother MORRIS in writing this play. Dr. WEINSTEIN informed this person that some one connected with show business is interested in producing the play. *u* *b2* *b7D*

In the conversation with SYLVIA INGLE (ph), Dr. WEINSTEIN discussed a party by the name of JOSEPH MITCHELL who was described as a mutual friend of both. SYLVIA advised Dr. WEINSTEIN that she and her husband BENSON were no longer friendly with JOSEPH MITCHELL, and she stated the Russian question broke them up. She advised that everything is Zionist with him, and she was unable to understand why he has such a terrible hate for the Russians. Dr. WEINSTEIN stated that he had a very good idea as to why JOSEPH MITCHELL had such a dislike for the Russians, and that he would tell her just why at some future date. Dr. WEINSTEIN told her that he had been residing in Stamford, Connecticut for the past two years, and that during this time, he has returned to his home every evening and has not remained in New York City at any time. He also stated that his brother MORRIS is now residing with himself and his wife at Stamford, Connecticut. *u*

On January 11, 1946, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that Dr. A. B. WEINSTEIN contacted his brother, Dr. MORRIS WEINSTEIN, at Stamford, Connecticut. At that time Dr. A. B. WEINSTEIN congratulated his brother MORRIS on the play that he had just completed. Dr. A. B. WEINSTEIN stated that he had just heard through his wife LEONORE that the play was now complete and that she herself was very much impressed by the play and that she was certain it would be a huge success. At one point in the conversation between Dr. A. B. WEINSTEIN and Dr. MORRIS WEINSTEIN, they discussed certain phases of the proposed play, and Dr. A. B. WEINSTEIN stated: *u* *b2* *b7D*

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"Once you introduce Wallace, it will change the whole mood".
No further elaboration on this statement was made.

On January 14, 1946, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that a party by the name of Mrs. EPSTEIN contacted the office of Dr. WEINSTEIN and stated that she had been recommended to the office by some friends at the JOINT ANTI FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE. This organization is subject of an Internal Security - C investigation with New York as origin. An appointment was made for Mrs. EPSTEIN at 5:30 PM on January 14, 1946. *UX*

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On January 18, 1946, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that a party who identified herself as Miss JABLON, secretary to EARL WILSON who is described as a columnist on the NEW YORK POST evening newspaper published in New York City, contacted BETTY HEART, secretary to Dr. WEINSTEIN. At that time Miss JABLON told BETTY HEART that they understood that Dr. A. B. WEINSTEIN had a great many show people as patients, and that Mr. WILSON thought an interview might make an interesting writeup. Miss JABLON stated that the angle of how show people look down in the mouth would be played up and just how Dr. WEINSTEIN came to get their business. *UX*

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Subsequently on January 21, 1946, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that Miss HEART contacted Miss JABLON and advised that Dr. WEINSTEIN could not allow an interview with Mr. WILSON if names were mentioned. They discussed this angle and finally it was agreed that Miss HEART would collect various funny incidents and send them to Mr. WILSON in care of the POST and that no names would be mentioned in connection with the story. *UX*

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that on January 21, 1946 Dr. A. B. WEINSTEIN contacted BETTY HEART, his secretary, and that a discussion took place regarding various patients who were due at the doctor's office on that date. Included among the individuals mentioned were BELLE CHODOROV who is the wife of EDWARD CHODOROV, the Russian playwright who is prominently listed as a communist sympathizer in the files of the New York office. Also discussed was LEON JOSEPHSON, one of the owners of Cafe Society Uptown in New York City, and subject of a Bureau case entitled "Internal Security - C". At that time there was a discussion regarding a party named HELEN WINTER who was listed as a patient of Dr. WEINSTEIN. This individual may be identical with the wife of CARL WINTER who is subject of an Internal Security - C investigation. *UX*

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On January 9, 1946, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that a party who identified himself as DON WEST contacted BETTY HEART, secretary to Dr. WEINSTEIN. A dental appointment was made for Mr. WEST at 9:30 AM on January 15, 1946. At that time DON WEST stated he was leaving New York City the latter part of January. At that time BETTY HEART asked DON WEST how his daughter *UX*

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was, and he stated that his daughter had taken a plane to Greensboro and then took a train. BETTY HEART told DON WEST that his daughter should see a dentist in about three months down there. *u*

In connection with the individual who identified himself as DON WEST, it should be noted that on January 7, 1946, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that MOLLY BELFRAGE, wife of CEDRIC BELFRAGE, subject of this investigation, had discussed the impending appearance of DON WEST before a group meeting. At that time MOLLY BELFRAGE stated that WEST is on sabbatical leave from school at Lula, Georgia, where he is superintendent of schools. She also stated that WEST was of original Georgia background and was presently attending Teachers College, Columbia University, preliminary to his returning to Georgia to run for Congress against Congressman Woods of the re-organized Dies Committee. *(u) b2 b7D*

On January 3, 1946, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that CEDRIC BELFRAGE was contacted by an individual who identified himself as CLAUDE, and that a discussion took place at that time concerning a proposed meeting with a mutual friend to take place at 2:00 PM on January 4, 1946 at 55 West 42nd Street, New York City. At that time the unidentified CLAUDE stated that he had received a telegram from DON advising of this meeting. *(u) b2 b7D*

Subsequently on January 4, 1946, a physical surveillance was conducted on CEDRIC BELFRAGE. This surveillance was conducted by Special Agents FRANCIS J. GALLANT, WALTER H. NELSON and EDWARD W. DOOLEY. BELFRAGE was observed at 2:10 PM to enter 55 West 42nd Street, Room 702. This door was marked DISTRIBUTORS GUIDE. This is the office of EARL BROWDER, former head of the Communist Party in the United States. At 3:25 PM, BELFRAGE was observed to leave 55 West 42nd Street, New York City, accompanied by EARL BROWDER and an unknown man and woman. The man was described at that time as follows:

Height	6' 2"
Weight	190 pounds
Age	30-35 years
Hair	dark brown
Peculiarity	clean shaven but dark beard; well built; athletic appearance; rugged rather handsome features with jutting jaw
Clothing	Gray battered felt hat and soiled tan raincoat.

This unidentified individual was surveilled and at 5:30 PM he was observed to enter the lobby of Fernald Hall, a dormitory at Columbia University, New York, New York.

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Subsequently the registrar's office at Teachers College, Columbia University was contacted by the reporting agent, and it was ascertained that DONALD LEE WEST was a student at Teachers College of Columbia University since September 1945 and that he did reside in Room 427, Fernald Hall on the campus of Columbia University. He is registered at Teachers College for the winter session 1945-1946 which will be completed at the end of January, 1946. He is studying "Guided Professional Development", a university seminar on "rural life".

In his registration, WEST states he was born June 6, 1908 at Cantecay, Georgia and that his permanent residence is Lula, Georgia. He listed as references a Dr. ALVA W. TAYLOR, 101 Bowling Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee and a Mr. JOHN E. JONES, postmaster at Lula, Georgia.

A review of the indices of the New York office reflects that there is a file on a DONALD LEE WEST, with aliases, Internal Security - C with Atlanta, Georgia as origin. This file disclosed that DONALD WEST has long been known as a communist sympathizer and an active communist in Georgia, and that he is the brother of JANET WEAVER who has long been known to be a Russian sympathizer.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that on January 21, 1946 an individual by the name of FRIEDA contacted DON WEST while he was at the office of Dr. A. B. WEINSTEIN, 20 East 53rd Street, New York City. At that time FRIEDA advised DON WEST that she would meet him for lunch on that day. *b2/b7D* *uR*

In connection with a mail cover placed on the office of Dr. A. B. WEINSTEIN at 20 East 53rd Street, New York City, the only significant mail received by him at this point was mail postmarked January 19, 1946 from the AMERICAN SOVIET MEDICAL SOCIETY, 58 Park Avenue, New York, New York. *uR*

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